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CHURCH AND STATE.

Governor Pennoyer's Thanksgiving proclamation is the boldest attempt to unite the functions of church and state that has ever been placed on record. Probably the only religious function of a state official is the issuing of a properly worded admonition setting aside a day for all the people to cease from business and politics and render appropriate tribute to the divine will that orders the seasons and prepares the bountiful harvest. To indulge in political insinuations and sharp thrusts at a political enemy on such an occasion and in such a document, and of such a character that they border closely on the malicious, is certainly improper. But to introduce political debate on a sacred occasion is contrary to the spirit of our laws.

It is a well-known custom all over our country, including Oregon, for people to assemble in Union Thanksgiving services in any community on Thanksgiving day. It is part of the general and universal custom on that day for all classes of citizens, without distinction of party or creed, to assemble in one service. It is part of that service to have the president's proclamation and the governor's proclamation read, setting aside that day for religious worship. If such messages as Governor Pennoyer's are to be read at such gatherings, it will not only profane the day, offend many who come to observe the day in its proper spirit, but it would introduce into the pulpit in an official state document a political controversy that would involve the whole assembly. The minister who did not agree with the governor's peculiar "isms" would be justified in refuting them. Anyone in the audience who did not like the Populist proclamation could ask leave to reply and it could not be refused. Resolutions would be introduced pro and con and a religious meeting would break up in a political row. The stump speech would supplant the pulpit and the house of God be turned into a menagerie of demagogues. The governor would not probably care so long as it advertised him. But the evil would not end here. Besides tending to disrupt any church that would allow that proclamation to be read from its pulpit, it would disgrace the occasion to gratify the spleen of one man who never fails to allow an opportunity to pass to have his fling at President Cleveland.

The line of demarcation between church and state cannot be too jealously guarded in our country. He who by any act unites the functions of a free church and a free state is no friend of American liberty. We have at times approved of acts of Governor Pennoyer's administration and may do so again. But this attempt to introduce by virtue of the power entrusted to him by the people his own peculiar politics views, be they never so just, into the exercises of a sacred day, and have propounded from the pulpits all over the state large doses of Pennoyer's Populism, is an outrage in every sense of the word. The preacher or priest who would so far forget himself as to have the message read or referred to from his pulpit would commit another public misdemeanor of the highest order.

OF INTEREST TO FRUIT GROWERS.

[From the Portland Rural Northwest.] It is stated that J. H. Fletcher, of Vancouver, sold his entire output of prunes, something over 70,000 pounds, in Portland for 75 cents per pound. The bulk of his prunes were Italians.

Dr. J. R. Cardwell's crop of dried prunes amounts to 30 tons and he estimates that he would have had ten tons more if it had not been for the rains.

The prune crop of Dr. Sharples, at Eugene, Or., amounted to 30 tons when dried. The work of evaporating them was done under the supervision of L. A. Carson.

An incidental advantage of the development of the prune industry is found this year in the fact that the evaporators which were built for drying prunes are nearly all at work now on apples. The result will be a very greatly increased output of dried apples for which there is fortunately an exceptional demand this year on account of the general failure of the apple crop throughout the East.

The fact that Concord grapes are shipped from western New York to Portland, Or., as well as to the Southern cities, by the car load and retailed at 50 cents per basket is worthy of the attention of the fruit growers of this coast. The baskets in which these grapes are sold are called ten-pound baskets, but in reality they hold a little less than eight pounds of grapes. The adoption

of this style of baskets proved a great boon to the Eastern grape growers. The grapes keep well in them and they are very handy for purchasers. Nearly everywhere from the Mississippi valley east the retail price of these baskets of grapes is about 25 cents.

It is evident that the boom in the prune growing industry which Oregon has been experiencing for some years is about to be succeeded by an apple boom. The fame of Oregon's apples has spread from the Columbian exposition to every part of the United States, and already strangers are arriving who are looking for suitable locations for planting out apple orchards. It is absolutely certain that Oregon is going to become one of the leading states in the production of winter apples. While small orchards, composed of many varieties, will not be apt to yield very much profit, commercial orchards, which can supply each variety raised in earload lots, will be apt in the long run to average up as much, if not more, profit in proportion to investment and expenses as any other kind of fruit. The danger of an over-supply of winter apples is too small to be figured on.

ABOUT PARTY PAPERS.

The Statesman is at some trouble to explain that in politics it is always Republican. Aside from bolting the nomination of the Republican county convention for the most important Republican county office at the last election this is probably true. It is so true it is hardly news. It probably regrets its course as a bolter and takes this method of announcing that hereafter it will swallow the whole ticket and go blind, be it never so distasteful. It means to repair its somewhat damaged political reputation and let all know that in future it will be a loyal party organ. Nothing can be done to shatter its partisan devotion in future.

The JOURNAL needs to make no such explanation. Its publishers are Republicans to the manor born. But they carry their sovereignty under their hats and do not lay it down to any power on earth. We prefer to be right rather than partisan. We prefer good government and the prosperity of the people to party success in state or local affairs when it can only be had at the expense of the public weal. A great many Republican papers after Harrison and Reid were defeated last year declared that if they had it to do over again they would not support Reid. The JOURNAL never endorsed Mr. Reid for vice-president and never recommended the people to vote for him. If he were nominated next time for president THE JOURNAL would not consider itself bound to support him. It would consider that duty to the party would require his defeat and a higher duty to the country would require the lesson to be taught that no such candidate should ever be put up for the suffrage of the people.

To bring the matter nearer home: If the crowd of corporation lobbyists who ran the last legislature, and one of whose pass-peddlers was elected speaker of one of the houses, should secure control of the next Republican state convention and nominate themselves or their tools for the various state offices in Oregon (which we do not think they will do) we should not consider it good Republicanism to force their services upon the people of this state. If the people have little or nothing to say as to who shall be put up for office they can at least have something to say as to whom they may vote for at the polls.

HOP REPORT FROM GERMANY.

We have received the following special report on the Continent hop trade from the German Society of the Hop Culture-Altenstadt, Weissenburg, Elsass, (Alsace,) 5th October. Business is now more animated, a great deal of the German crop was sold, although our dealers did not buy as lively as expected, what must be assumed to their important purchasers in foreign countries as much as to the financial difficulties or the commercial crisis. After having paid 180 to 190 marks the lowest price of Aleutian hops is now over 200 marks and 215 are freely paid for choice. More business would be done if growers were more willing to sell. There are yet more irregular qualities than was expected; in general, hops show a good quality, but they don't weigh. Today it is generally admitted that Alsace has not picked more than 32,000 cwt., and Germany not more than 200,000 cwt., needing 320 to 350,000. Belgium, France, England and America have an average German importation of 120,000 cwt. Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Holland and other countries of about 60,000. Austria exported last year 30,000. Admitting that Germany will have only to supply the 60 or 30,000 cwt. to the smaller countries and that Austria can spare this year 40,000 cwt. for export, Germany will want 140 to 160,000 cwt.

The proportion between hops dispensable and waste of the other countries can be estimated highest

Exportation. Wanted
For Begium at 40,000
Russia 30,000
England 200 to 240,000
United States 80,000
10,000 bushels of 180 lbs.

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its ramifications in every country, does not give very sure news upon the growth and the situation of the trade. Brewers confidently believe that enough hops had been picked for the supply of the season and await a depression of the prices, whilst the German merchants pick up the whole crop of Austria, Hungary and the best qualities of Belgium, Burgundy, and other countries. The growers of these countries, which had better results than Germany were intimidated by false reports of the buyers and sold already a great part of their crop. Germany gathered 715,656 cwt. in 1889, 364,170 in 1892, 487,420 cwt. in 1890, 438,844 cwt. in 1891, 490,292 cwt. in 1892. It is impossible that the enormous deficiency of this year will not have consequences some time in the season, but as long as brewers and foreign merchants remain quiet I do not expect that prices will rise quickly. Latest news reports more purchases and a great part of the German crop is sold now.

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BUSINESS ADVERTISING.

Salem has three dailies, two weekly, two semi-monthly, besides any number of advertising sheets to support with subscriptions and advertisements. A prominent business man, declines to place an advertisement in THE JOURNAL because he says it would subject him to the begging appeals and solicitations of all these other publications. He thinks an advertisement would be a good investment in THE JOURNAL and from a business standpoint. But he says it would be like hanging out a sign of free meals for tramps. It would encourage a flood of solicitation he is not prepared to meet. They do not come in a business way so much as in appeals for education, religion, charity and worst of all for political assistance.

Advertising is being reduced more to business principles than in the past. Business men want to know whether a publication has any merit and circulation before they throw away their money for a "card" to help any "cause." The principal cause is some debilitated pocketbook as a rule.

SUGGESTED COMMENT.

Salem has had Liberati. Now bring on your literati.

Sir Frederick Lockley's opinion of the president has been announced.

Everybody knows the Statesman is the thick-and-thin Republican party organ.

Some Salem girls who can sing a little bit can sing all around the Liberati warbler.

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A Wonderful Machine.

There is no doubt that man is a fine mechanism, but like every other machine he wears out by friction. It is said that he is born again every two or three years. His body is virtually replaced by food. To retard this making over is radically wrong, as it causes so much vitality in the delayed process that it takes a long time to recuperate. The process of making over is so accelerated by purging with Brandreth's Pills that a new man, as it were, may be made in two or three months, and the change in the mechanism is such that the worn out part is replaced by the new without the usual running down of the entire machine. You don't have to stop for repairs. Purge away with Brandreth's Pills the old, diseased and worn out body. They are perfectly vegetable, absolutely harmless, and safe to take at any time.

Why suffer from Indigestion and dyspepsia? Simmons Liver Regulator is pleasant and curative.

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The Experiment Proved Expensive. A lawyer took in a new boy the other day, and as he had suffered to some extent from the depredations of the former one he determined to try the new lad's honesty at once. He therefore placed a 25 cent note under a weight on his desk and walked out without saying a word. Upon his return half an hour later the note had gone, and half a crown was in its place.

"Boy, when I went out I left £5 with this weight!"

"Yes, sir. But, you see, you hadn't gone five minutes when a man came in with a bill against you for £4 25. Ed."

"I think the change is correct."

"You—paid a bill?"

"Yes, sir. There it is, all receipted.

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Battatneke Weed.

In Monterey, as well as Santa Clara county, there grows a weed called the rattlesnake weed. It is so named from the story that when rattlesnakes get to fighting and bite each other this weed, if eaten by them, will prevent death. It grows about six inches tall, has a red stalk and slender leaves. On the top of the stalk comes a head of flowers, and the seeds of these flowers are said to be very annoying to one in passing through a mass of them, as they are furnished with sharp barbs commonly called stickers. The early settlers who had herds of sheepways made their herdsmen keep with them a bottle of strong tea made of rattlesnake weed, and when any of the sheep were bitten they were drenched with this tea, which always saved them.—Pacific Tree and Vine.

Richelieu.

The elder brother of Richelieu, the cardinal, was a singular man. He committed suicide because of a rebuke from his parents. The sister of Richelieu was insane. Richelieu himself had attacks of insanity. He would figure himself as a horse, but afterward would have no recollection of it.—New York Times.

Must Be Good.

Customer—Is this good soap?

Dealer—Well, mum, the man who writes poetry about that soap gets \$10,000 a year.

Customer—My sakes! Gimme a dozen bars.—New York Weekly.

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A Hint to Horse Dealers.

A subscriber writes to an editor: "I have a horse that has suffered lately from periodical fits of dizziness. Please answer through your valuable paper and let me know what I should do with him. I am afraid he will get worse if something is not done soon."

The editor replies, "Our honest advice, based on a very careful perusal of that capital book, 'Every Man His Own Horse Doctor,' would be to take him some time when he is not dizzy and sell him to a stranger."—Tit-Bits.

A Hint to Landladies.

Mr. Kicker—This chop tastes of soap.

Landlady—You are mistaken, sir. Mr. Kicker—I'm sure of it. I believe the cook runs the chops through the clothes wringer so they will spread out and look bigger.—Texas Siftings.

ARE YOU GOING A FISHING?

Hunting, Pic-nicing, Camping, Mining, Lumbering, or on a general outing? If you are do not fail to lay in a supply of the

GAIL BORDEN EAGLE BRAND

Condensed Milk. It gives the most delicious flavor to tea, coffee, chocolate and many summer drinks. It will keep in any climate. You can use it in the place of milk for general cooking purposes.

Your Grocer and Druggist sell it.

On the label of every can is the signature of Gail Borden.</p